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October 5, 2020

Dr. Ahimsa Sumchai
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Dear Dr. Sumchai:

This correspondence is in regards to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of August 27, 2020, in which you seek the following:

"I am searching for specific documentation regarding the actions of Naval Facilities Command Base Realignment & Closure PRO [sic] West at the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard – an EPA designated federal Superfund site. Kimberly Ostrowski is Director and Derek Robinson is BRAC Environmental Coordinator. The specific search I wish to focus involves episodic releases of surface methane pockets at the Parcel E-2 landfill – and EPA designated federal Superfund Site. The landfill gas monitoring has detected methane in pockets greater than 50% volume in air. The Navy episodically releases the landfill gas into the atmosphere, potentially exposing nearby receptors. Juanita Bacey of the DTSC sent and [sic] email communication that included a law that shields the Navy from potential health and safety effects stemming from the landfill release. I would like all correspondence and documentation from January 2019 to July 2020 on the interval in which the landfill gases are being released."

Your request was received in this office on August 31, 2020 and assigned file number DON-NAVY-2020-011566. Please cite this number in any future communications with the Department of the Navy regarding this request.

By letter dated September 23, 2020, we provided a partial release of documents where our offices removed certain pages, pending an evaluation on whether or not they are exempt from release under FOIA. Our office has evaluated those pages and determined them to be releasable. This letter releases the files to you in full and closes this FOIA request.

As stated in our September 23rd letter, the search fees incurred during the processing of this FOIA amount to \$96. If you have already submitted your payment, thank you, if not, please remit payment in the amount of \$96 to the BRAC PMO West office within 30 days as previously requested. Please make check out to "United States Treasury" and send to the address noted below.

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Please direct any questions concerning this matter to Ms. Heather Wochnick, who may be contacted at heather.wochnick@navy.mil or (619) 524-4605. You may also contact the DON FOIA Public Liaison, Christopher Julka, at christopher.a.julka@navy.mil, (703) 697-0031. In addition, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) provides a voluntary mediation process for resolving disputes between persons making FOIA requests and the Department of the Navy (DON). For more information, go to <https://www.archives.gov/ogis/about-ogis/contact-information>.

Sincerely,

THOMAS L. MACCHIARELLA
By direction of Director